



## United States Senate Youth Program Information

**Note:** For detailed information about the United States Senate Youth Program see the full USSYP Brochure located at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/advanced-learning-opportunities/us-senate-youth-program> Questions? Contact [stefanie.wager@iowa.gov](mailto:stefanie.wager@iowa.gov).

### Submission Process:

- The submission process requires students to complete an application and two-page leadership essay. Students then take a multiple-choice and essay exam over key Constitutional and governmental concepts. Applications should be submitted to the appropriate Area Education Agency (AEA) contact person by the due date identified below. Contact information for each AEA is available at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/advanced-learning-opportunities/us-senate-youth-program>. See timeline below for specific details about due dates.

### Selection Process:

- In order to qualify to be selected students must be a junior or senior and be serving in an elected capacity within their school, community, state, etc. Please see the full USSYP brochure linked above for specific information.
- Each AEA will administer an exam over key Constitutional and governmental concepts. Each AEA will score the exams and submit the names of the top five students with the highest exam scores to the Iowa Department of Education. The United States Senate Youth Program Committee will select the top four candidates from the selected pool of applications. The Program Committee will interview the top four candidates virtually and select two delegates and two alternates based on all materials submitted and the interview.

### Timeline:

October 2, 2017	Deadline for receipt of students' applications to the appropriate AEA.
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October 3-30, 2017	Exam over the US Constitution and other government concepts administered by the AEAs. The date for this exam is determined by your local AEA. Check with your local AEA contact for details about this.
October 31, 2017	AEA USSYP contact sends names of top five candidates from each AEA, based off exam results, to Stefanie Wager, United States Senate Youth Program Iowa Coordinator at the Iowa Department of Education.
November 1-30, 2017	United States Senate Youth Program Committee reviews applications and interviews the top four candidates. Committee then selects two delegates and two alternates for the Program.
December 8, 2017	Deadline for the Department of Education to submit, in writing, the names of delegates and alternates to the Hearst Foundation.
Mid-December	Notification of winners and alternates by the Hearst Foundation and Iowa Department of Education.